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AIR SERVICE

REF: A. STATE 229603 B.. MARTINIQUE 0441

FOLLOWING IS CORRECT TEXT OF REFTEL B.

1. FOLLOWING RECENT VISIT TO THE FRENCH ANTILLES OF GEORGE LYALL, EASTERN AIRLINES VP FOR THE CARIBBEAN, THE LOCAL PRESS HAS GIVEN WIDE COVERAGE TO EASTERN S PROPOSAL TO BEGIN DIRECT SERVICE BETWEEN NEW YORK CITY AND THE FRENCH ISLANDS. LYALL TOLD US THAT IF CAB APPROVES THE PROPOSAL, EA WOULD INITIATE ON DECEMBER 8 DAILY NONSTOP SERVICE IN PEAK WINTER SEASON AND SIX WEEKLY DURING OFF-PEAK SEASON, AND WILL ALSO INVOLVE IMPLEMENTATION OF SINGLE PLANE SERVICE BETWEEN THE US AND ST LUCIA. THE PROPOSAL FOLLOWS AIR FRANCE S ANNOUNCEMENT IT WILL REDUCE SERVICE BETWEEN NYC AND THE ANTILLES.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THE PROPOSAL HAS BEEN SUBMITTED TO CAB AND COULD POSE PROBLEM TO CAB APPROVAL OF AMERICAN AIRLINES PROPOSAL AS REPORTED REFTEL. LOCALLY THE EA PROPOSAL, WHICH LYALL ANNOUNCED TO LOCAL AUTHORITIES, HAS RECEIVED ENTHUSIASTIC RECEPTION. IN OUR
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VIEW, EA PROPOSAL IS GOOD DEVELOPMENT INASMUCH AS LOCAL TOURISM

INDUSTRY AND FRENCH ANTILLEAN ECONOMIES STAND TO GAIN FROM IT.
AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, WE BELIEVE IT IS IN OUR INTEREST TO
SEE MARTINIQUEAN AND GUADELOUPEAN ECONOMIES DEVELOP ALONG
SOUND LINES, AND FOR THIS REASON WE WELCOME EA AND/OR AA SERVICE HERE
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